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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Thursday, 4 October 2001

SECURITY COUNCIL

10 a.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Resolution 1373 of 28 September 2001

Other matters

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

10 a.m.	18th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall
3 p.m.	19th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall
6 p.m.	20th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

Measures to eliminate international terrorism: report of the Secretary-General (A/56/160 and Corr.1 and Add.1*) [166]

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* To be issued.

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m. 2nd meeting Conference Room 3

1. Election of officers
2. Organization of work (A/C.1/56/1)

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PREPARATORY COMMISSION FOR THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT

Eighth session

WORKING GROUP ON A RELATIONSHIP AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COURT AND THE UNITED NATIONS

10 a.m.- 1 p.m. Conference Room 2

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m. - 1 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room 10

3 p.m. - 6 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. *Executive session on:*

   Excessive vacancy rates in language services at some duty stations and issues relating to the recruitment of language staff

   Report of the Secretary-General on the availability of documentation for the proper functioning of intergovernmental bodies

   Report of the Secretary-General on submission of documentation consistent within the six-week rule

   Implementation of recommendations regarding the *United Nations Chronicle*

   Re-engineering of the optical disk system

   Remote interpretation

   Provision of interpretation services to meetings of regional and other major groupings of Member States

   Utilization of United Nations conference centres in Bangkok and Addis Ababa

   Improved utilization of conference facilities at the United Nations Office at Nairobi

2. Draft report
3. Demonstration by the Office of Human Resource Management

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Thursday, 4 October 2001

ARAB GROUP OF THE PREPARATORY COMMISSION FOR THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT

9 a.m. - 10 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

AFRICAN GROUP OF THE WHOLE

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 1

WESTERN EUROPEAN AND OTHER STATES GROUP

11 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT:

WORKING GROUP ON DISARMAMENT

3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the Department of Economic and Social Affairs are jointly conducting a workshop on the World Summit for Sustainable Development (Johannesburg Summit). This workshop, to be conducted in English, will be held in Conference Room D *today*, 4 October 2001, from 9.45 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. and *tomorrow*, 5 October, from 9.45 a.m. to 1 p.m. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman at UNITAR (room DC1-603; tel.: (212) 963-9684 or 963-9196).

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Informal meeting

There will be an informal meeting, organized by the delegation of Myanmar, with ASEAN Member States on disarmament issues *today*, 4 October 2001, at 11 a.m. in Conference Room B.

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Briefing

There will be a briefing on the *Landmine Monitor Report 2001* by Ms. Jody Williams, Mr. Steve Goose and Ms. Mary Wareham, from the International Campaign to Ban Landmines, for interested delegations, Secretariat staff and the media. The briefing, organized by the Permanent Mission of Canada, will take place *today*, 4 October 2001, from 11 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

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Informal meeting

There will be an informal meeting, organized by the South African Development Community, on a girl child resolution *today*, 4 October 2001, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 7. The meeting is open to all interested delegations.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Friday, 5 October 2001

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

10 a.m.	21st PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall
3 p.m.	22nd PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

Measures to eliminate international terrorism: report of the Secretary-General (A/56/160 and Corr.1 and Add.1*) [166]

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Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

The Second Committee will hold its 9th meeting (to conclude its consideration of item 95 (c) and to consider item 100) on Friday, 5 October 2001, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 4.

The list of speakers for all items allocated to the Second Committee is open. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are requested to contact the secretariat of the Committee (Ms. Maria Thompson (tel.: (212) 963-2183; fax: (212) 963-5935)).

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THIRD COMMITTEE

The list of speakers for *all items* allocated to the Third Committee is open. The Committee will begin its substantive work on Monday, 8 October, at 3 p.m., in accordance with document A/C.3/56/L.1, as orally revised. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are kindly requested to contact the Secretary of the Committee, Ms. Kate Starr Newell (tel.: (212) 963-4248; fax: (212) 963-5935; e-mail: newellk@un.org).

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The resumed third session of the Preparatory Committee for the International Conference on Financing for Development will be held from 15 to 19 October 2001. The first meeting will take place on Monday, 15 October, in Conference Room 2. The annotated agenda is contained in document A/AC.257/21 and the organization of work will be issued as document A/AC.257/L.7.

Delegations are requested to submit the names of their representatives to the Secretary of the Preparatory Committee, Ms. Vivian Pliner-Josephs (room S-2950E; fax: (212) 963-5935).

Background information on the preparatory process for the International Conference and the work of the Preparatory Committee is available on the financing for development Web site (http://www.un.org/esa/ffd).

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The next meeting of the Technical Subgroup of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Percy Metsing Mangoaela (Lesotho) will be held on Tuesday, 9 October 2001, at 10 a.m. sharp, in Conference Room 8.

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There will be a meeting of the Arab Group *(at the ambassadorial level)* on Friday, 5 October 2001, at 11 a.m. in Conference Room C.

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There will be a meeting of the Arab Group of the Whole on Friday 5 October 2001, at 3.30 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

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There will be a meeting of the Group of Interested States in pursuance of General Assembly resolution 52/38 G on "Consolidation of Peace through Practical Disarmament Measures" on Wednesday, 10 October 2001, at 12 noon in Conference Room C. The meeting will review the status of ongoing projects of practical disarmament and will hear new proposals in this field. The meeting is open to all interested delegations.

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Panel discussion

In preparation for the work of the Third Committee of the General Assembly, there will be a panel discussion on the *2001 Report on the World Social Situation* on Monday, 8 October 2001, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 1. The panellists will include Prof. Giovanni Andrea Cornia (Italy); Prof. María Amparo Cruz-Saco (Peru); Ms. Odile Frank, Chief, Social Integration Branch, Division for Social Policy and Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs; and Mr. Sergei Zelenev, Chief, Social Analysis and Policy Unit, Division for Social Policy and Development. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff and the media are invited to attend.

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing an English-language workshop on the structure, drafting and adoption of United Nations resolutions for members of permanent missions in New York. The workshop will be held on the following dates: Monday, 8 October 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.; Tuesday, 9 October, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.; and Wednesday, 10 October, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603; tel.: (212) 963-9196).

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Informal consultations

Informal consultations on a draft resolution on "Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly" (agenda item 27) will be held on Tuesday, 9 October 2001, at 1.15 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

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Briefing

There will be a briefing for interested delegations on "The United Nations Mine Action Strategy for 2001-2005 and the United Nations Information Management Policy for Mine Action" on Wednesday, 10 October 2001, from 4 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. in Conference Room 8. The briefing will be given by Mr. Jean-Marie Guéhenno, Under-Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations, acting in his capacity as Chair of the United Nations Inter-agency Coordination Group on Mine Action. Representatives from the main United Nations entities involved in mine action will also be present. Copies of the two documents can be obtained on the Internet (http://mineaction.org/highlights/highlights.cfm) or from the United Nations Mine Action Service (UNMAS), FF Building (3rd floor) (304 East 45th Street). For further information, please call (212) 963-1357.

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the United Nations University (UNU) are jointly organizing a workshop on "The Conference of the Parties (seventh session) and the Kyoto Protocol Negotiations", as part of their annual Series on Sustainable Development in Practice. The workshop, to be conducted in English, will be held on Wednesday, 17 October 2001, from 9.45 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 2.30 p.m. to 6 p.m. A letter on this subject, including an information note, the draft programme and a nomination form, was addressed to all the permanent missions. The registration deadline is Wednesday, 10 October. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman at UNITAR (room DC1-603; tel.: (212) 963-9684 or 9196).

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As from Monday, 1 October 2001, and for the rest of the month, the presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

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The Web site of the Irish presidency of the Security Council can be visited at the following address: http://www.un.int/ireland.

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The Web site of the President of the General Assembly can be visited at the following address: http://www.un.org/ga/president. The President's statements and a summary of his daily activities are available on this Web site.

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During the Indonesian chairmanship of the Preparatory Committee for the World Summit on Sustainable Development (Rio+10), the Permanent Mission of Indonesia has set up a Web site that can be visited at the following addresses: http://www.indonesiamission-ny.org *or* http://www.un.int/indonesia.

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During the Belgian presidency of the European Union, statements made at the United Nations on behalf of the European Union are available at the following Web site address: http://www.un.int/belgium.

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Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

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Delegations who wish to make their statements available to the media at Headquarters are advised to provide 100 copies of these directly to the media office located on the third floor in the Secretariat Building (room S-348).

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Wednesday, 3 October 2001

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

16th plenary meeting

Measures to eliminate international terrorism: report of the Secretary-General (A/56/160 and Corr.1) [166]

Statements were made by the representatives of Mauritius, Brazil, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Paraguay, Jamaica, Finland, the Comoros, Peru, Indonesia, the Syrian Arab Republic, Cape Verde, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Sweden, India and China.

Programme of work

The President drew the attention of the General Assembly to document A/INF/56/3, which contained a partial programme of work and schedule of plenary meetings. The President also informed the General Assembly that the lists of speakers for items contained in document A/INF/56/3 were open.

The President informed the General Assembly that agenda item 11 (report of the Security Council), originally announced for Thursday morning, 4 October, had been rescheduled for Monday, 15 October 2001.

The President also informed the Assembly that the general debate would be held from Saturday, 10 November to Friday, 16 November 2001.

The President also informed the Assembly that the 2001 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities would be held in the morning of both Wednesday and Thursday, 7 and 8 November 2001.

The President further informed the Assembly that the announcement of voluntary contributions to the 2001 programmes of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East would take place on Tuesday morning, 4 December 2001.

The representative of the Secretariat made a statement.

17th plenary meeting

Measures to eliminate international terrorism: report of the Secretary-General (A/56/160 and Corr.1) [166]

Statements were made by H.E. Mr. Ralph Gonsalves, Prime Minister of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines and by the representatives of the Czech Republic, Guinea, Spain, Kazakhstan, Cambodia, Slovenia, Ethiopia, Jordan, Monaco, Andorra, Mozambique, Qatar, Somalia, Bolivia, Italy and Angola.

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE 7th meeting

General debate

The Committee continued its general debate and heard statements by the representatives of Tunisia, Yugoslavia, Mexico, India, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Nepal, Burkina Faso, Jordan, Venezuela, Yemen, Israel, Iraq, the United Arab Emirates, the Republic of Moldova, Kuwait, and the Sudan.

The representative of the Republic of Korea spoke on a point of order.

8th meeting

The Committee continued its general debate and heard statements by the representatives of The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Myanmar, Namibia, Bolivia, Brunei Darussalam and the United Republic of Tanzania.

The Committee also heard statements by the representative of the International Labour Organization and the observer of the Organization of the Islamic Conference.

The Committee concluded its general debate.

Macroeconomic policy questions [95]

(c) Science and technology for development

The Committee began its consideration of the item.

The Officer-in-Charge, Liaison Office of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, New York Office, made an introductory statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Belgium (on behalf of the European Union and Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Cyprus, Malta, Turkey and Iceland), Romania, the Russian Federation, Costa Rica (on behalf of the Central American countries, Belize and the Dominican Republic), Pakistan, Barbados (on behalf of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM)), Brazil, Morocco and the Republic of Korea.

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE) 2nd meeting

Tribute to the memory of the victims of the terrorist attacks on 11 September 2001

The Committee observed a minute of silence in tribute to the victims of the attacks.

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The Chairman made an opening statement.

Organization of work

The Committee had before it a letter from the President of the General Assembly concerning the agenda items allocated to it (A/C.4/56/1) and a note by the Chairman (A/C.4/56/L.1*) containing suggestions on the organization of work.

The observer of Palestine made a statement. Further statements were made by the representatives of Egypt, the Syrian Arab Republic and Zambia.

The Committee approved its programme of work contained in document A/C.4/56/L.1*, on the understanding that adjustments to the timetable, as called for by delegations, would be taken into consideration.

The Committee also decided to establish an open-ended Working Group, chaired this year by the delegation of Chile, to prepare a draft resolution on agenda item 86 (International cooperation in the peaceful uses of Outer Space).

The Committee's attention was drawn to the relevant General Assembly rules and recommendations affecting the work of the Main Committees, as well as those contained in Assembly decision 34/401.

At the suggestion of its Chairman, (see note A/C.4/56/L.1*), the Committee decided to hold a general debate on decolonization agenda items 18, 91, 92, 93 and 12 and 94 and to close the list of speakers on those items on Monday, 8 October, at 6 p.m. Delegations were also informed that Friday, 12 October, at 6 p.m. would be the deadline for submission of draft resolutions or proposals on decolonization items.

Other matters

Election of the Bureau

The Chairman informed the Committee that consultations were still continuing for the posts of Vice-Chairpersons and the Rapporteur.

FIFTH COMMITTEE 3rd meeting

Organization of work

The Chairman of the Committee drew the attention of the Committee to a letter dated 19 September 2001 from the President of the General Assembly (A/C.5/56/1) on the allocation of items of the agenda of the General Assembly to the Fifth Committee. The Chairman further drew the attention of the Committee to a note by the Secretariat on the status of preparedness of documentation (A/C.5/56/L.1) and to the informal paper submitted by the Bureau on the proposed programme of work for the main part of the session.

Statements concerning the status of documentation and on the proposed programme of work were made by the representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) and Belgium (on behalf of the European Union and also on behalf of Bulgaria, the Czech Republic Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Cyprus, Malta, Turkey, Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway).

The Committee then approved the proposed programme of work, on the understanding that adjustments would be made during the course of the session, as required.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee took note of the organizational aspects recommended by the General Assembly as contained in document A/56/250.

Following a proposal by the Chairman regarding recommendations made by the Bureau on the setting of time limits for the length of statements in the general discussion of items on the agenda, and on proposed procedures for the informal consultations, statements were made by the representatives of the Syrian Arab Republic, India, Egypt, the Islamic Republic of Iran and Belgium.

The Chairman made a statement.

The Chairman informed the Committee that the next meeting of the Fifth Committee would be held on Monday, 8 October 2001, at 10 a.m.

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Convention on the Rights of the Child

COMMITTEE ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD
Twenty-eighth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

WEDNESDAY, 3 OCTOBER 2001

735th (closed) meeting

Consideration of reports of States parties [4]

The Committee considered concluding observations.

736th (closed) meeting

Methods of work of the Committee [7]

General comments [8]

The Committee considered the items.

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Convention to Combat Desertification

CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES
Fifth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

TUESDAY, 2 OCTOBER 2001

2nd meeting

Organization of work

The President of the Conference of the Parties made a statement on the organization of work of the session.

The Conference agreed to a time-limit of five minutes for statements at the special segment.

Accreditation of non-governmental and intergovernmental organizations, admission of observers [5]

The Conference decided to accord observer status to the intergovernmental organizations listed in annex I to document ICCD/COP(5)/9.

The Conference decided to accredit the non-governmental organizations listed in annex II to document ICCD/COP(5)/9.

The Executive Secretary of the secretariat for the Convention to Combat Desertification informed the Conference that document ICCD/COP(5)/9/Add.1 was still to be issued.

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The Executive Secretary of the secretariat for the Convention to Combat Desertification made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Belgium (on behalf of the European Union), Benin, Viet Nam, the Syrian Arab Republic and Haiti.

A statement was made by the representative of the United Nations Environment Programme.

A statement was also made by the observer of the Uganda Tree Planting Movement (a non-governmental organization).

Election of other officers [2]

The Conference resumed its discussion of agenda item 2 and elected Ms. Dagmar Kubinova (Czech Republic) to also serve as Rapporteur to the Conference, in addition to serving as Vice-President.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 1st meeting

Programme and budget [6]

Following a statement by the Chairman, Mr. Mohammad Reza Jabbari (Islamic Republic of Iran), the Executive Secretary of the secretariat for the Convention to Combat Desertification made an introductory statement.

Programme and budget for the biennium 2002 and 2003 [6 (a)]

The Committee began its consideration of the sub-item and heard statements by the representatives of Belgium (on behalf of the European Union), Benin (on behalf of the Group of the African States), Japan, the Syrian Arab Republic (on behalf of the Group of the Asian States) and the Islamic Republic of Iran (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China).

Organization of work

Statements were made by the representatives of Benin, Belgium and Argentina.

The Chairman made a statement.

The Executive Secretary of the secretariat for the Convention to Combat Desertification also made a statement.

2nd meeting

Report on the performance of the Convention's trust funds in 2000-2001 [6 (b)]

The Committee began its consideration of sub-item 6 (b).

The representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) made a statement.

Report on the performance of the Trust Fund for supplementary activities in the biennium 2000-2001 [6 (c)]

Statements were made by the representatives of Egypt, Senegal, Benin (on behalf of the Group of the African States), Mauritania, the Syrian Arab Republic (on behalf of the Group of the Asian States), Kenya, Burundi, Botswana, Kazakhstan, China, Kyrgyzstan, Norway, the United Republic of Tanzania and Argentina.

The representative of the Global Mechanism, as well as the Executive Secretary of the secretariat for the Convention to Combat Desertification, made statements in reply to questions raised.

Need for, modalities for, costs involved and feasibility of the regional coordination units [6 (d)]

The Committee began its consideration of the sub-item and heard statements by the representatives of Mongolia, Mexico, Cuba, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan and the Islamic Republic of Iran (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China).

Report on the status of contributions to the Convention's trust funds for the biennium 2000-2001 [6 (e)]

The Committee began its consideration of the sub-item and heard statements by the representatives of the Syrian Arab Republic (on behalf of the Group of Asian States), Tunisia, the United Republic of Tanzania, Botswana, El Salvador and the Central African Republic.

The Executive Secretary of the secretariat for the Convention to Combat Desertification made a statement.

Organization of work

The Chairman informed the Committee that, following informal consultations, Mr. Patrick Széll (United Kingdom) had been nominated Chairman of the Ad Hoc Group of Experts.

COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY — 1st meeting

Opening of the session [1]

The Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Philbert Brown (Jamaica), opened the meeting.

Election of Vice-Chairs [3]

The Committee elected Dr. Moussa Hassane (Niger), Mr. Abdel-Majid Khabour (Jordan), Ms. Marija Vihovanec (Croatia) and Mr. Helmut Wöhl (Germany) as Vice-Chairmen.

The election of a Vice-Chairman-cum-Rapporteur was postponed until the next meeting.

Adoption of the agenda and organization of work [3]

The Committee adopted the agenda contained in document ICCD/COP(5)/CST/1, with minor modifications, following a statement by the representative of the secretariat.

Report of the Bureau of the Committee on Science and Technology

The Committee began its consideration of document ICCD/COP(5)/INF.6 and heard an introductory statement by the representative of the secretariat.

The former Chairman of the Bureau of the Committee on Science and Technology, Dr. Olanrewaju Smith (Canada), introduced the report.

A statement was made by the representative of Namibia.

Survey and evaluation of existing networks, institutions, agencies and bodies [6]

The Committee began its consideration of this item and heard an introductory statement by the representative of the secretariat.

The representative of UNEP presented the report contained in document ICCD/COP(5)/CST/3.

Statements were made by the representatives of Namibia, France, Germany, the United States, Chile and Canada.

Statements were made by the representatives of CILSS, ACSAD and the secretariat of the Commonwealth.

The representative of UNEP made a statement.

2nd meeting

Roster of independent experts [11]

The Committee began its consideration of the item and heard an introductory statement by the representative of the secretariat.

The Chairman made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Canada, Jordan, Mali, Ethiopia, Burkina Faso and Senegal.

Statements were made by the representatives of ACSAD and CILSS.

Enhancing the usefulness and effectiveness of the Committee on Science and Technology [10]

The Committee began its consideration of the item.

Statements were made by the representatives of Senegal and France regarding documentation.

The representative of the secretariat made an introductory statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Belgium (on the behalf of the European Union), Argentina, Norway, Canada, Senegal, Japan, Kenya, Morocco, Jordan, the Niger, Uganda, Cape Verde, Turkey, Israel, Algeria and the United States.

The representative of CILSS made a statement.

The representative of the secretariat of the Ramsar Convention made a statement.

Following a statement by the Chairman, the Committee decided to establish an informal negotiation group to consider annex I to document ICCD/COP(5)/3/Add.2. The group would be composed of the members of the Bureau and one additional member from each regional group.

Election of Vice-Chairs [3]

Mr. Helmut Wöhl (Germany) was elected as Vice-Chairman-cum-Rapporteur.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

International Coffee Agreement 2001. London, 28 September 2000

Provisional application: Spain (20 September 2001)*

Agreement on the Privileges and Immunities of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea. New York, 23 May 1997

Accession: Austria (1 October 2001)*

* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography. New York, 25 May 2000

Ratification: Norway (2 October 2001)*

Convention on Biological Diversity. Rio de Janeiro, 5 June 1992

Accession: Saudi Arabia (3 October 2001)*

Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court. Rome, 17 July 1998

Ratification: Central African Republic (3 October 2001)*

* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This week, the topic of the DPI/NGO Briefing will be "The Challenge for the Second World Assembly on Ageing: Building a Society for All Ages". This briefing is a special event, organized jointly by the Department of Public Information, Department of Economic and Social Affairs and the NGO Committee on Aging, in commemoration of International Day of Older Persons. Members of delegations, Secretariat Staff and media are also invited to attend. The event will take place *today*, 4 October 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) Auditorium (780 Third Avenue, between 48th and 49th Streets). For further information, please contact Ms. Laufey Love, Development and Human Rights Section (tel.: (212) 963-3507) or Mr. Oleg Dzioubinski, NGO Section, Department of Public Information (tel.: (212) 963-1859).

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Staff Council

There will be a meeting of the Staff Council *today*, 4 October 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 3. The meeting is open to staff members only.

COMMUNICATIONS TO THE EDITOR

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